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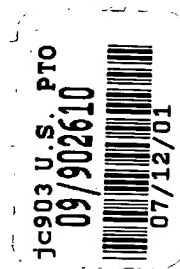
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying document, a copy of which is attached to this statement, is made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of this item is that we are advised by our client that this reference was cited by the French Patent Office in the corresponding French application No. 0009132, filed July 12, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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